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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 16, 2003 (Paper No. 11).

Applicant elects Group I (Claims 7-20, 45, and 49-51) and additionally submits,

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